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OPEN LETTER.

MY DEAR THETA SISTERS: Just think of claiming such a relationship as that to you for nearly two years, and never, during all that time, writing a letter to you all! The thought quite overcomes me. However, I'm not going to write to all this time—Epsilon need not read the first part of my letter—because I want to tell the rest of you what a charming Chapter we have at Wooster, Ohio. I say the first part, because my visit to Ohio has set me to thinking about Kappa Alpha Theta, and I don't know but that I'll be tempted to write a little on that subject toward the close of my letter.

Last spring found me tired out in mind and body, too tired to wait even for the commencement festivities at the University of Minnesota, so in May, I left my Minneapolis home and journeyed to Ohio, where I spent the summer with my sister, in Apple Creek, six miles from Wooster. That accounts for the fact that one June morning found me climbing up the long hill in Wooster toward the college; for you must know that the main part of the city lies in a narrow valley, while on the very top of a hill a mile long, is the university building, five stories high, including basement, lacking only *wings* to make it seem ready to fly away, leaving the material business part of the city behind.

The hill is thickly dotted over with the pleasant homes of those, who, wealthy, or of moderate means, have settled there that their families might enjoy the benefits of the cultured and refined society found in the college vicinity.

It was not without a few misgivings that I entered the roomy hall on the first floor, misgivings without foundation, for my unknown Theta sisters gave me the most cordial reception imaginable. Time flew swiftly, and by afternoon they had planned a "frat meeting" for their stranger guest, to be held that evening at the home of Mellie Woodworth. Evening brought most of the Chapter members, some resident members, and a pleasant surprise in the shape of Helen Jeffries, just back that afternoon from a year's work at Bryn Mawr. Music, and laughter, and song, conversation, refreshments, bits of dances, recitations, do you wonder the stranger Theta looks back upon it as a bright mosaic?

Then, just as the cuckoo clock on the mantel chimed out the half hour before twelve, came some serenaders, the college quartette. Talk of non-agreement among fraternities! That quartette consisted of a Delta Tau, a Phi Psi, a Phi Delta Theta, and an Alpha Tau Omega, singing together in perfect harmony.

Twelve o'clock found us again eating ice cream and telling daisy for-

tunes, "She loves, she loves me not; she loves, she loves me not," but when the Delta Taus came out, "she loves me not," he, without time for thought, exclaimed, "I know better." Blissful state of happiness; may he always continue to "know better."

Commencement time again found me at Wooster, proud of my newly found friends, and their capabilities shown on the platform.

Later, on a July day, the Thetas and their gentlemen friends came together at a picnic at Highland Park. Would that I could describe them to you. Helen Jeffries with her intellectual face, Mellie Woodworth, bright, sunny, always thinking the last good time the very best one that she ever had, Arbetta Warren, one of the shining lights of '89, Ella Shields, just returned from a visit to the country, the Brown girls with their black eyes and hair, and pleasant ways, Mildred Immel, tall and stately, Harriet Funck and Annie Lehnian, with their dancing feet, Cora Frick, just back from Penn Seminary, Dale Douglass and Mary Henderson, still interested in Theta, though not in school; have I missed any of that merry company?

The gentlemen you may imagine for yourselves, handsome, of course, and just such as the girls I've described could not help but admire. It was a full afternoon, and sunset found us, after sundry other deeds had been done and supper eaten, on the small lake at the northern end of the park. I can see it all yet, the sunset lines rippling on the water, the tug of war which the boys enjoyed—and the girls didn't—the line of nine boats in tow rowing across the lake to the music of college songs. Then it grew dark, and we all went back to the pavilion. A tall athlete captured a big spoon and the ice cream freezer and we all gathered round to receive in our outstretched palms a bit of the delicious creamy, cold mixture, while the flickering torches winked ludicrously at us. Eleven o'clock found the Wooster girls and boys "all in," and the "Apple Creek delegation" on their way home, well pleased with fraternities in general and Kappa Alpha Theta in particular.

Yes, I was exceedingly glad last summer that I was a Theta. Be sure, all of you, to remember that, be the home Chapter ever so nice, there is more to Theta than that. There are dear, delightful girls in nearly all of our best colleges, who are taking an interest in you, who are longing to hear from you and see you, who want news of you through their journal.

And then, on a quiet August day, came the question, "Your pin is beautiful, but what does it mean to you?" What does Theta mean to you? How can I express all that the answer to the question implies? It means the memories written of above. It means great, golden hearted pansies smiling and nodding to me whenever they see me. Pansies, purple, and violet, blue, and yellow, white, and black, all saying to me with quaint grave faces, "Think deep, pure thoughts; thoughts worthy of your womanhood, such as will stamp your face with the impress of their nobility." Theta means to me odd little decorations of black and gold here and there in my home; souvenirs calling up memories of happy times; pictures of Theta groups, doubly prized because some of the bright faces are no longer with us in daily intercourse. It means afternoon and evening receptions, pansy luncheons, watermelon parties, quiet, good times when only "our girls" are seated around a blazing fireplace, singing songs and telling stories. The

regular meetings which no one can think of missing, because that would be sure to mean "good times and I not in them." It means an involuntary nod and smile when at college one of "the girls" passes by. Sympathy in joy or sorrow, help in trouble. It means bright, cheery words at the bedside of the sick one, and flowers whose fragrance bespeaks the kindly thought of the donor. It means lessons better learned, a wider range of literary culture, social duties performed with more grace, just because "I'm a Theta." It means little groups of girls in colleges from New England to California who are "in touch" with myself in many of their purposes and aims, and whom I would be almost sure to find congenial should I ever meet them.

But Theta means more and deeper than all this. It means a heart so filled with love and charity that it cannot possibly keep it all within itself, and so it means pleasant words and kindly greetings for all, truer friendships with others because Theta has taught me the secret of friendship—unselfishness. It means when college life is over, sunny memories to look back upon, friendships formed which will grow stronger as the years go by; acquaintances quickly made with sister alumnae of other Chapters when in our travelings we chance to meet; more heart and energy put into my life work, because so, I will be an honor to my Chapter and my fraternity. It means so much to me, my sisters, and to you too, I know, that I can only sit and wish for a language that could express all we feel. May Theta go on and prosper abundantly, and may many a home be happier because one of her daughters presides there in all her womanliness.

Sincerely,

ANNA L. GUTHRIE,

UPSILON.

COLLEGE AND FRATERNITY ITEMS.

Beta Theta Pi for June contains this encouraging announcement among its "College News" items: "In view of the enrollment of women graduates of many colleges upon its list for post-graduate courses, the University of the City of New York appointed an advisory committee of women, and also decided to admit women to the law school of the university on the same footing with other students. This action is taken in response to applications from various quarters, and upon careful deliberation. Such study does not necessarily imply a purpose of entering upon the practice of the law. But as the laws respecting the property of women are constantly modified, and the equal standing of women in all the relations of society is acknowledged, the necessity of such familiarity with the law as educated men enjoy becomes most desirable."

From the same Journal we clip the following: "Last fall the class of '90 at Smith College decided to give a representation of that grand old Hebrew drama, the Book of Job, as part of its commencement programme. As soon as it came to the practical carrying out of this idea, it was found that a musical setting and the substitution of choruses for the individual parts would be necessary. The sympathies of Dr. Blodgett, director of music, were enlisted, and he has devoted most of the year to composing the music for

the presentation. This music is said by all to be a worthy and beautiful setting to the text, which is taken entirely from the Bible. A fine orchestra has been secured, and the members of the senior class have been exceedingly busy during the last few months rehearsing under special trainers in music, elocution and action. The subject affords rich opportunities for oriental effects, both in scenery and costume. These will be as fully utilized as the dignity of the theme permits. There will be two presentations of Job, on June 13th and 14th respectively." It may be interesting to know that the two representations were given as announced, and that they attracted much favorable comment. The difficulty of the undertaking perhaps equalled, if it did not exceed, that connected with the presentation of the Greek play "Electra" by the class of '89. This was pronounced by competent judges to be superior in dramatic finish and scenic effect to the presentation of a Greek play by Harvard students a few years ago. The scenery for "Electra" was painted by members of the class, and the most thorough study was given to every detail of the classic drama as originally presented by its founders. The young lady who played the part of Electra learned six hundred lines of melodious Greek, and her rendition of it won high praise from the Greek professors who were present from other colleges. Smith has proved her right to rank side by side with the best colleges of the land.

President Merrill E. Gates of Rutgers College has accepted the recently tendered presidency of Amherst, and will enter upon his duties October 1, 1890. President Gates could have remained at Rutgers or taken the presidency of Oberlin, if he had so chosen. Not every man is in such demand.

A league of all the college girls has been formed at the University of Michigan. The league includes all irrespective of class or fraternity lines. Its object is a social one to promote acquaintance and friendly feeling on the part of the girls of the various departments towards each other and towards the faculty ladies.—*Ariel*.

Prof. John Dewey, late professor of Psychology in the University of Minnesota, now of Ann Arbor, delivered the Commencement Oration at Smith College last June. His address, on the relative merits of Matthew Arnold and Robert Browning, was a scholarly production of great critical and literary merit.

E. F. Shepard, editor of the New York *Mail and Express*, made the address before the graduating class at the commencement of De Pauw University.

The *Gopher* is profusely and elegantly illustrated. If one desires a good conception of the growth and prosperity of the University of Minnesota he will find his wish gratified in these pages. The regents, the faculty, the buildings (exterior and interior), base-ball and similar organizations, and last, but not least, the class of '91, all present themselves for our delectation. Ample space is devoted to this feature, but we cannot feel that anything else is crowded out or cramped because of this. We doubt if any of its competitors can present a more pleasing or varied table of contents than that offered by the *Gopher* of '91.—*D. K. E. Quarterly*.

Phi Kappa Psi seem to be musically inclined. They have Phi Psi songs and waltzes and marches, and still they are talking about further musical publications. This is commendable, truly.—*K. A. Journal*.

A new fraternity has appeared at the University of Michigan. It is called *A. E. I.*, and confines its membership to the ladies in the medical department. The pin is a five-pointed star, the letters *A. E. I.* being placed in three points, while a serpent's head appears a little above the centre.—*Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly*.

Lake Forest University is to have a fine stone building, to contain gymnasium and Y. M. C. A. hall.—*Phi Delta Theta Scroll*.

The first Latin fraternity in America, the Q. T. V., was recently established at Cornell with six charter members.—*Ariel*.

"Amherst," says a writer in *Harper's Weekly*, "has worked out another problem in American education; it has made use of the Greek-letter societies as a basis for the establishment of students' homes. A considerable majority of the students join one or the other of the several Greek-letter societies, each of which has its club-house, where a large part of its members have their rooms, and where the student has nearly all the comforts of his own home. Members of different classes here associate on equal terms, and men find their way to each other's hearts and souls under this form of social life as they could in no other way. The intellectual and social life thus stimulated is of the greatest value, and when joined to the manly spirit developed by the college senate, it gives Amherst a rare advantage in the cultivation of the best life of its members. These society houses occupy the best building positions in Amherst; they are houses of fine architecture; here the students have parlors where receptions may be given to the students from Mt. Holyoke or Smith College, and the social interchange thus brought about between Amherst and these neighboring institutions is one of the pleasantest incidents connected with the life of an Amherst student. It is reported that one of these Greek-letter societies has established a college fellowship open to general competition."

An amusing incident occurred at Northwestern recently. A gentleman from our theological department, a mortal foe of the secret society, gave a lecture on the "Merits and Demerits of the College Fraternity," or rather on the demerits of the college fraternity. It so happened that only Greeks received invitations, and the audience was not entirely at one with the speaker. But he proceeded, notwithstanding, to lay on the lash. His special enmity was directed against Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Chi, Delta Upsilon, and Kappa Alpha Theta, in whom he could see no redeeming features whatever. Most of what he said was so ridiculously wide of the mark that his few "hits" made no impression. After the lecture the speaker replied to all written questions that were sent up, from which it appeared that he had never been in college except a short time at Berea, a school somewhere in Kentucky, which has a rule that "all students bringing firearms must deposit them with the faculty." When asked what fraternities were represented there he could think of none but Delta Upsilon. The "frat goat" was introduced in the midst of the performance, and amused himself by

eating up the questions which the chairman handed to him one by one as they were read.—*Beta Theta Pi.*

The faculty of the Illinois Wesleyan University has decreed that the ladies shall not enter the halls of the gentlemen's fraternities, nor the gentlemen those of the ladies. Receptions including both sexes are positively prohibited if held in chapter quarters.—*Phi Gamma Delta.*

It is said that since the establishment of Johns Hopkins there has been a marked influence exerted by it on the women of Baltimore. They have become enthusiastic for the higher education of their sex.—*Beta Theta Pi.*

About a week ago invites were issued to all frats to attend a Pan-Hellenic reception given by the Kappa Alpha Theta's. It was looked forward to by all Phi Gamma's with interest, and our anticipations were fully realized. On April 4th the event took place at the beautiful residence of Mr. S. B. Hunkins of San Jose. Kappa Alpha Theta and Phi Kappa Psi were decidedly in the majority, although Delta Gamma Delta, Beta Theta Pi, and Phi Gamma Delta were well represented.—*Shield Correspondent from University of Pacific.*

A list of libraries which have been founded by Mr. Andrew Carnegie shows that the "Iron King" has already spent \$1,800,000 in providing free reading for the people.—*Phi Kappa Psi Shield.*

It is proposed at Williams to lengthen the summer vacation and give less time to the Christmas and Easter recesses. If this should be done, and the college open later in the fall, the so-called equinoctial rains might come and go before the beginning of the term. Now these unpleasant visitors seem to come regularly in the first week or so of the college year. In fact, this weather is regarded almost as a college institution. The upper classmen aver that it is sent expressly for the purpose of making newcomers homesick and so they dub the first rainstorm of the autumn, the "freshman drizzle."—*Beta Theta Pi.*

The action of Harvard overseers in modifying the course of study so that students can obtain their B. A. degree in three years' work, has called forth unlimited comment. Standing, as the institution does, at the front of the American college system, the action can not be without its influence in moulding the policy of other institutions. This innovation, however, has failed to meet with that approval of educators, as have her many others, and the best matured opinion seems to be that the elective and liberal pendulum at Harvard has swung to an extreme. It favors crowding of college work, though the number of required courses has been reduced from eighteen to sixteen. A student can receive a diploma whenever he completes his work, whether it be commencement or not. Columbia has adopted a plan which many think is superior to that of Harvard. The action of both was meant to meet the objection that college men, especially those entering the professions, get to work too late in life. At Columbia the requirements for a diploma remain as before, but any student expecting to enter one of the professional departments, can make a part of his studies elective work while yet in his college course, so that when he gets his B. A. in four years he has shortened his professional course one year. Heretofore a student

spent four years for his B. A. and three for his M. D., making seven years. Now he spends altogether six years in taking the two, though if he took either one alone it would be as before—Arts, four years, or Medicines three years. Many consider the Columbia plan the better.—*Phi Delta Theta "Scroll."*

Apropos of the above: "Col. T. W. Higginson said: 'It seems to me that it would be a pity to grant degrees on the basis of courses taken instead of time spent. For, as Goethe says, there is about a university an atmosphere of culture which constitutes its chief value, and a boy should come to college not so much to learn certain things as to breathe that atmosphere and receive its refining influences. Time is necessary for this; and it seems to me that any reduction of the course would tend to lower the tone which is characteristic of Harvard and ought to remain so. I do, indeed, think that it would be desirable for young men to finish their collegiate studies at an earlier age than that at which they are now able to do, but I think the saving ought to be made in the preparatory schools.'"—*Beta Theta Pi.*

EDITORIALS.

The JOURNAL begs to apologize for her late appearance this year but hopes her readers will enjoy her perusal all the more for the delay. The JOURNAL is not wholly to blame and maybe you can tell where part of it rests when you have answered this question, Did *you* send the article requested of you?

Owing to an oversight, the Chapter letter from Omega was not called for. We are very sorry, and hope to hear good news from them next time.

Nothing strengthens an organization so much as having a good background, and that is what we want for a Theta. And how shall we get it, did I hear you say? One very good way is to keep our Alumnæ interested in us and our work, and this would best be accomplished by Alumnæ Chapters. Since '70, our list of Alumnæ has been increasing till now our members have gone out into all parts of the Union. In many places there are a number of Alumnæ, and why can't they revive their old time enthusiasm for Theta by organizing an Alumnæ Chapter? It would help us who are in college ever so much to know that Theta does not lose her members when they leave college and form new ties. Now we believe that if our active members would look up all their Alumnæ members and talk to them and get them interested in the project that we would not be behind other fraternities in Alumnæ Chapters; but that in the coming year we would see at least a half dozen good, large, enthusiastic Alumnæ Chapters. Let us be in earnest about this matter, as it is important. What man's fraternity is there that amounts to anything which has not strong Alumnæ Chapters in all the large cities both east and west? Are we to be lagging because we are women? No! of course not. Dear sisters, let us go to work with a will and see if we cannot be the means of setting Theta on a firmer basis this year than ever before, by gaining some strong Alumnæ organizations.

We are indebted to one of our new girls, Miss Madeline Wallen, for our Exchanges in this number. We are fortunate in gaining one who so soon can be of such service.

Not many weeks ago, the editor of the JOURNAL had the good fortune to meet and talk with the editor of our sister journal, The Key. It is needless to say that it was a very pleasant as well as profitable talk, and we are indebted to the editor of The Key for many good and helpful suggestions. We no longer wonder how it is that The Key so far outranks all other Ladies' Fraternity magazines. Miss Dodge is soon to send out the first number of a ladies' journal of which she is the editor, and we have no doubt that it will meet with good success, if we are to judge of her work upon The Key. We extend to her our heartiest wishes for the success of her journal, which, it is hoped, will fill a place in ladies' journalism which has long been vacant.

How does it happen that some Chapters that have a large, active Chapter, say somewhere near twenty-five, only send the JOURNAL a subscription of seven or eight? We are afraid that some chapters have forgotten the action taken by our last Convention about this matter, or maybe, still worse, the news has not yet reached you. It was decided that *two-thirds* ($\frac{2}{3}$) of every active Chapter should subscribe for the JOURNAL. We hope that with this reminder that those Chapters who have not sent in the requisite number of subscriptions will do so as soon as convenient. We wish to increase our list as much as possible, so that the price can be reduced as soon as can be. How many of your Alumnæ are subscribing to the JOURNAL, and are there not some more of your Chapter who can and will subscribe? Two-thirds of each Chapter is not enough to support a fraternity journal. Some fraternities oblige every member to subscribe to the fraternal organ, and so they have no trouble about the support of their paper. This is one of the things which ought to be thought of seriously, and each Theta ought to feel that she is responsible for the JOURNAL, and work for its interest, for, as we have said before, we cannot give you a fraternity journal without your hearty co-operation in money as well as literary material.

It is not too early to begin to talk and plan about next year's Convention, which, D. V., will be with Lambda, at Burlington, Vt. It is going to be a long journey for many of our delegates, and there must be a great deal of good work done for the fraternity so that we may feel as though it paid in the end. It would be an excellent plan for every Chapter, old and young, to begin to think and talk about what they think should be added to or changed in our fraternity, in regard to our initiations, our government, our journal or any other department.

It need not take anyone very long to see that we can bear much improvement in our general government. What we need is to bring our Chapters into closer relations with one another. We have grown so large now, that the government upon the plan adopted by most of the men's fraternities, it seems to us, would be more efficient. That is, have the fraternity separated into several districts or provinces, and then these provinces presided over by the President, who should have autocratic power to act when necessary. In this way, a great deal of time and bother would be saved by not having to wait for each and every Chapter to act separately upon any measure.

Then, too, there is vast room for improvements upon our JOURNAL. The fraternity magazines which are counted the best are those which have a salaried editor who is free from school duties and can devote time enough to the work to make it good. This year, The Key starts the ball rolling among the ladies' fraternities, by paying its editor. Now, this is just what our JOURNAL wants. The salary need not necessarily be a large one, but just so that an able young woman could afford to give what time was needed in order to give us a good journal. So long as our JOURNAL is left in the hands of our girls in college, busy with their studies and other duties, we cannot hope to cope with those which are in the hands of salaried editors who can devote their time to work.

We are sorry to say that our calls for literary articles for this number were not very heartily answered. We are grateful to those who did send us their contributions, and hope that they will send us some more. It is indeed not an easy thing to get material for the literary department which is suitable for

a fraternity magazine. We have started out this year with the intention of confining this department to articles bearing directly upon fraternity matters, or upon women, both in and out of college, from which we can gain some practical good. So when we send to you for an article upon any of these matters, please consider the matter as a duty, if not a pleasure, which must be done. Do your best and send it to us.

Another thing which would be very interesting to all would be remeniscences or former days. Our older Chapters must have some very good material among their archives to make an interesting paper. We would thank any Chapter who would look up their old relics and write us an article about them.

ALUMNÆ LETTER.

STILLWATER, MINN., Nov. 1st, 1890.

MY DEAR THETA SISTERS: To you, whom I have never had the pleasure of meeting except in my dreams or the wanderings of my imagination, I send a sisterly greeting and hope that sometime, somewhere our fortunes may be such that we may become living realities to each other, and more closely united, push forward the good work which we as a band of women represent.

The hopes and plans of the sisters at Madison, I trust have been fully realized, and that they in their beautiful home are working with the same zeal and enthusiasm which characterized them when they joined our ranks. My acquaintance although short has been most pleasant. From such a band of earnest loyal girls with noble characters and high aims can but go out that strong influence which tends to open the way to a higher, broader and truer life among women, a life which shall be free from those petty trials and jealousies which beset her on every hand.

And now, sisters with whom I have spent only a few short months, it is to you that I turn with the deepest interest; from you I expect the best results.

As to myself. Here am I in Stillwater, the place to which people are sent, who have never known the meaning of self-control, whose lives have been governed by impulse instead of principle, whose hands have done violence to brother man, whose lives show how weak and characterless they are. Yes, this is the place and your friends will greet you with a queer little smile when you tell them that your sister is in Stillwater.

There are, however, other institutions here in which the aim is to so discipline the youth that he may have full control of himself and his powers.

It is as instructor in such a one that I am engaged. About the first of last September my train speeding along the bank of the river St. Croix, or what is here called the lake, drew into the neat little station of the "City of Bluffs," and rightly named it is. I think I never saw a more picturesque little place. The business portion is on the lowland near the river while the residences are on the bluffs above forming a semicircle.

On one of these bluffs overlooking the river is situated my school building. From its window I can look across to the Wisconsin side and often I did so during the early fall when the trees were in such a gorgeous array. The sight was most pleasing and had a soothing effect upon one tired with the routine of the day.

Thus far my stay here has been very pleasant. My pupils are all that I could wish, consequently I enjoy my work, the details of which would have little interest for you.

Now girls, one and all just come and see me in my own little home. Three of us girls have taken rooms and have made a nest for ourselves. You cannot imagine how happy we are in it.

Hoping that this will find you happy and successful in your work,

I am, your sister,

ADA E. SMITH.

ALPHA.

DE PAUW UNIVERSITY, GREENCASTLE, IND.

Another college year has opened and we are once more college students. Glancing at the past and dwelling in the present, we are wondering what is to be our future. As we can only judge the future from the past and present, we want you to know the condition of Alpha Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta.

"To those who know her not
No words can paint.
And those who know her
Know all words are faint."

We are indeed very prosperous. We have a Chapter of thirty-one girls all ready for work and filled with true Theta spirit. We initiated seven freshmen girls at the beginning of the year, and we wish that every Chapter might be able to make such a valuable addition as we did. Our fraternity meetings are very pleasant, causing one of our newly initiated girls to exclaim, "How lovely it is to be a Theta!" A literary programme has been prepared and we expect profit as well as pleasure from our meetings. We have also decided to take the "Key" and "Anchors" that we may keep ourselves informed as to the doings of the other sororities.

We are glad to be able to say that Agnes Beals wears the "kite," thus giving us the first victory of the season. The social events have not been numerous. The Alpha Phis held their convention here and gave a reception one evening during their session. Five Thetas were invited and reported a good time. The next afternoon Alpha Chapter was "At Home" to the Alpha Phis at the residence of one of our girls, inviting the other sororities to meet them. Of course the time for giving propositions has not yet arrived, and we cannot tell who is to carry off the palm and laurel wreath. We rejoice in the consciousness of victory over self, and have good cause to expect one over our rivals.

Beta Theta Pi has bought a beautiful residence as a Chapter House. De Pauw now boasts two Chapter houses. Would that Alpha might call the next hers!

And now, dear sisters, farewell. May a prosperous year attend each sister Chapter is the wish of

ALPHA.

BETA.

BLOOMINGTON, IND.

Thursday, Sep. 18, found Beta assembled at the home of Sister Grace Rawles, to make our plans for the year, and to discuss new girls. We had lost but two members by graduation, and the under classmen, with but one exception, (Arda Knox) returned, so for our first meeting we numbered seventeen.

The next night we initiated our five Freshmen who had been pledged in Preparatory, and twenty-two strong, we watched the new girls. Nor was our watching and constant attendance without result, for we were able before a great while, to lead eight terror stricken girls, with our dark lanterns, and skeleton keys and bowie knives through the degrees of initiation.

Now we are deep in plans for Hallowe'en, searching for new superstitions and means of finding our true loves.

Sister Jennie Wylie has invited us to spend the evening with her, and as she lives in the country, we will have access to cabbage patches, stiles, etc.

Beta cannot tell of any pledged girls this year as our Preparatory has been abolished, and it is unconstitutional to pledge high-school girls. We have now only one "pledging," Oneta Allen, who constantly mourns her lonely state.

We are going to continue our dramas occasionally, for Beta has some awe-inspiring villians, and some lovable lovers among her girls.

We have scarcely had time, as yet, to settle down to hard work, but hope to as soon as our Hallowe'en "frolic" is off hand.

Wishing the other Chapters as great success as Beta has had, and a most pleasant year,

Fraternally,
BETA.

CHI.

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

DEAR GIRLS: We begin our second year with the brightest hopes for the future, and with renewed loyalty to the "Black and Gold."

As a result of the recent rushing season, six girls of the Freshman class have donned the kite and have entered, heart and soul, into Theta sisterhood.

Girls, our rushing party was a grand success! The decorations were unique and very tasteful. The banisters were draped with gold colored cheese cloth, caught up here and there with golden rod, while the windows were partly kept from view by heavy gold curtains, held back by knots of black ribbon. The mantel over the fire place, and the top of the piano were "perfect wildernesses" of golden rod.

We have with us this year, Miss Gurtrude Allen, A. M. of Pi Chapter. She is taking Post-graduate work, and is a candidate for the degree Ph. D.

Where are our song books?

Hallowe'en, the girls gave a little spread, and the time-worn tricks appropriate to the occasion were indulged in with the same interest as at any previous time.

November 4th being a holiday for us, five of our girls surprised Blanch Chapman at her home in Oneida, twenty-five miles east of here. We left Syracuse Monday afternoon and returned the following day. A most enjoyable time was had.

With best wishes,
CHI.

EPSILON.

WOOSTER UNIVERSITY, Oct. 31st, 1890.

DEAR THETAS: There are tides in the affairs of frats, which, taken at their flood, lead on to fortune. These tides occur at the opening of a new year, and Epsilon has just had high tide, on whose *billows* there

rode in five mermaids—girls we all wanted, and all the girls we wanted, for they are the essence of the true, the beautiful and the good; true Thetas, beautiful characters, good students. So far, we have thoroughly acquainted them with the true inwardness of those two words so dear to the fraternity soul, i. e., "initiation" and "spread." Of the former, they decline any more, with thanks; of the latter, they have not had sufficiently enough.

Our meetings have been often; indeed, from the standpoint of our enthusiasm we have held one perpetual frat. meeting. Fortunately for our health and studies, the excitement of rushing has now become a matter of history, at least for this year, and we hope, forever. Forever, because we intend to make another strenuous effort to have the Kappas enter into an agreement against it.

Having settled down to work in school and in frat., we have adopted this plan for our weekly meetings: One girl is appointed two weeks beforehand to read up thoroughly, some subject to elicit discussion and original thought from the other members.

We have lost some of our members, five as Seniors, four to another Chapter; but we have gained in the wife of our new Professor of Apologetics, a former member of Epsilon, Mrs. Edgar Work, nee Miss Ella Wilson. What, with the wives of two Professors, and the German Professor, herself, all of whom show their interest in Theta by attending the meetings, we feel that our kite-string is long enough to fly our kite high.

Be this our greeting and parting, then may your black and gold ribbons be as long and as strong as they have ever been, dear Sister Chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta!

EPSILON.

MU.

DEAR SISTERS: Mu is very much alive this fall, and thus far, very successful. Our first meeting was held on Thursday evening, Sept. 18th, and five more sorry looking girls it would be hard to find, for four of our band would not be with us, and we realized that we must buckle on our armor and fight alone for the supremacy which Kappa Alpha Theta has always enjoyed.

No longer can Miss Maude Johnson and Miss Jessie Edwards be styled the "Babies," as they are now thoroughly acquainted with the antics of "Nannie."

We have added to our circle Miss Julia Edson, a very bright young lady from the class of '93, and her sister, Miss Amanda Edson, an equal honor to the class of '94. Of our pledged members we are justly proud. This fall we took Miss Campbell and Miss Cora Davis, and with Miss Howells, whom we took last year, we have three loyal girls.

We are now twelve strong, and are ready for hard work. Our line of work for this fall consists in the study of Shakespeare. We are now critically reading "Macbeth," and find it very profitable.

Ten of our Alumnae girls were with us Commencement week. We gave to them and our two graduates, a banquet, which all declared a success. Our hall was beautifully decorated. The souvenirs were dainty, little, kite-shaped cards with a gold border. On one side were painted black

and gold pansies and the subjects for toasts; on the other, our menu. Before leaving, the Alumnae girls presented us with a very beautiful cabinet and cut glass water set. We are getting a collection of pretty dishes, and recently received two pieces from Mrs. Kellogg, of Seattle.

Miss Helen Clark presented us with a beautiful chair not long ago.

Anxiously are we awaiting the arrival of the JOURNAL. Mu extends to you all her best wishes for a prosperous year.

Mu.

OMICRON.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CAL., LOS ANGELES, CAL.

Omicron comes forward with greetings and full of enthusiasm for the ensuing year. We have been crowned with success by the recruiting into our ranks of a Junior, a splendid student, and one who will make a genuine Theta worker. We had supposed it a hopeless case for a long time, but who knows what Theta may achieve? We were proud of our Theta graduate last Commencement—Miss May Curran—who maintained her position as the only girl in the class, with all the sweetness belonging to our long-time faithful worker. This year, Miss Curran is installed as one of the teachers in the Monrovia Seminary. Many changes have been wrought during the summer, and our girls have scattered in every direction. Miss Helen Widney is in Boston pursuing musical studies.

Miss Winifred Farnsworth who was forced to leave college on account of her ill health, has been visiting at different places in the East and is now at Evanston.

We were almost disconsolate over our loss when Miss Breed, of Delta Chapter went abroad. She is at present in Berlin where she is studying music, and will make her trip both profitable and delightful. For the past four years the vocal department of the University has been in Miss Breed's charge, and during that time she has been a most enthusiastic worker for Theta, one whose loss we can hardly replace.

We who have reassembled, are ready for active work and are constantly on the lookout for prospective Thetas. We have done no pledging this year owing to a lack of the right kind of material, but the pledges we have are thoroughly in earnest and ambitious to become loyal Thetas.

Occasionally we catch a glimpse of our old members, or hear a word from them. Miss Minnie McClellan spent a few days with us at the beginning of the term. We are looking forward to her re-entrance into college as a Senior in the near future.

Mrs. Lena Tufts Bovard has lately presented a nephew to Omicron, of whom his Theta aunties have great expectations. We are expecting a grand frolic Hallowe'en night. This frolic has become a regular thing with us, and we have more fun in store this time than usual.

We have the prospect of a pleasant and profitable year, and best wishes for the same are sent from the Pacific Slope to all the Chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta.

OMICRON.

PSI.

U. OF W.

We are happy that the time has arrived when we may send our first greeting. Five months seems a long time to wait before being able to communicate with our sisters.

We felt very much crippled at the end of last term in losing four of the ten girls wearing the Theta pin. But, having had our share of the successes which make the first four weeks of the Fall term so interesting, our prospects now seem very bright. We have reached the number of twelve, and feel that further growth in that direction need not be hurried.

At the opening of this term we took possession of our new Chapter house. The house is new, modern, and very nicely situated, being only two blocks from the Campus, and in quite the fraternity centre. It is a home for the girls from away and a delightful gathering place for us all. We think it especially well adapted for our purpose, as the first floor rooms can be nicely thrown together, and the chambers on the second and third floors are pleasant and airy. There was an especial clamor for those in the rear of the house, as they command a fine view of Lake Mendota. Of course, the attic is our "*sanctum sanctorum*." We wish that you all might "drop in" and see how cosy we are.

We have received a very friendly welcome from the other fraternities here, and especially do we feel grateful to the girls of Kappa Kappa Gamma for their many kindnesses.

PSI.

PI.

ALBION, MICH., Nov. 1st, 1890.

With the opening of the new year, Pi sends greetings to all her dear sisters.

This year has brought many new students to our loved college halls, and among them came some new Thetas, of course.

We have been very successful in spiking this Fall, our new initiate being Miss Agnes Graves, of whom we are all very proud.

Edith Valentine, H. Louise Champion, Flora McDonald and Vera Par-meter, are new wearers of the black and gold.

Our one cause of regret this year is the loss of our senior girls last spring, but we have gained three new brothers-in-law during the summer. Zua Thomas was married to Mr. Harvey Ott, Delta Tau Delta, of Ann Arbor. Mina Mudge, '90, to Rev. W. L. Holmes, Alpha Tau Omega, of Albion, now in Boston theological school. Myrtie Graves, '90, to Mr. Leslie Ray, Alpha Tau Omega, but the happiness of our sister was very brief, for on their wedding trip he was taken ill and died five weeks after their happy wedding day, and our college president was called upon to perform another and a very different ceremony as sad as the other was joyous.

So far this fall Pi has given no social gatherings to her outside friends, but have had several spreads in the hall for her pledged girls.

With love and best wishes to all our sisters.

PI.

RHO.

OCT. 21, '90.

DEAR SISTERS: Commencement is a thing of the past, and here we are with a new year and new work before us. May Theta be successful throughout the land in all of her undertakings.

Rho graduated three girls, Anne Childe, Dena Loomis and Gertrude Laws. As this was the Theta's first appearance as graduates here, we felt quite elated over our representatives.

Soon after school closed, Miss Childe was married to Clark Fisher Ainsley, Sigma Xi of his class. Mr. and Mrs. Ainsley are now in Alledo, Ill.

We do hope the other girls will not follow Anne's example, but there is no telling.

Gertrude Laws goes to Vassar at Christmas time, and Dena Loomis is teaching music in our University and electing a few studies. We have one sister besides Miss Loomis in school, Miss Annie Funke, and hope to find some other girls soon that will make good Thetas.

We were pleased to meet Miss Folmer, of Penn., here in our city during the summer.

Miss Inham, of Burlington, is here now, and we find her a true Theta girl.

It seems delightful to meet sister Thetas, and we regret more every day, that it was impossible for us to attend the Convention.

Fraternity circles here have been very lively this fall. Several parties and numerous receptions have been given, and there are invitations out for more.

Our University is flourishing, and enrolls three hundred and seventy-five new students, which we think is doing pretty well, considering that we have two other State institutions here, the Methodist and Christian Universities. Of course, the fraternities get their pick of these three hundred. Wish us good luck, dear sisters.

RHO.

TAU.

DEAR THETAS: Tau feels fairly started again upon another year of work, and a busy one it promises to be.

We can say with some pride that the Chapter is flourishing, and we never had more friends and well-wishers.

All of the girls of last year are back again, with the exception of our one senior, and thus with the six new members whom we have initiated this will make our number fifteen.

As yet our festivities have been confined to small spreads for the new girls.

Miss Eva Hall, '90, made us a visit the first of the term. Also Miss Mary Knox, Ex. '90, for whom we gave a "Tweedledewink" party at the home of Miss May Glose.

We hear with pleasure of the new and elegant Chapter house at Madison, Wis.; the success of "the baby" is always a source of pride to Tau, who feels a motherly as well as sisterly interest in her.

Prof. Rogers, from the Law School at Ann Arbor, is expected to arrive

by Nov. 1st, to assume the duties of his position as President. His coming is looked forward to with great hopes for the increased prosperity of the college.

With wishes to all for a successful year.

TAU.

UPSILON.

DEAR THETAS: Upsilon wishes first to introduce her new girls. Madeline Wallin, '92, who spent her freshman and sophomore years at Smith College, North Hampton, Mass. Jessie Bradford and Maude Sanborn, '94, the first a high school and the second an academy girl. Jessie Smith, who is a special, but expects to go regular, is pledged.

The Theta girls are almost all back after many wanderings during vacation—one to Pennsylvania, two to Iowa, two to Dakota, one to Ohio and another to Illinois.

The day after commencement we took our last "bum" upon separating. It "happened" at the Summer cottage of Anne Burr, at Bald Eagle Lake, and it was a very tired, but happy crowd of girls that took the evening train home.

A number of the girls attended the National Educational Association Convention held in St. Paul this summer, and the discovery, every now and then, of a Theta girl made it doubly pleasant. Grace Walther gave them and those of Upsilon who live in "the Twins" an informal reception at which "they did talk much."

Our first inspection party was a melon party held at Jessie Nicol's. The next was a pansy luncheon at Grace Walther's, in St. Paul, Sept. 29th. The house was decorated with woodbine, smilax and pansies—pansies on everything and pansies everywhere. An imported fortune teller looked into our futures, and among other things told each of us we were to "live happy ever after." Pansy menu cards served as souvenirs.

Our last party was at Jessie Bradford's, Oct. 24th, where we had music of various kinds, recitations, refreshments and yellow roses for souvenirs.

We have changed our plan of Chapter work for this year. We are now having "conversations." After business meeting one of the four sections into which we are divided, takes the floor, and talk informally on a subject given to them at a previous meeting by the committee. While they talk the rest are seen and not heard, but a general discussion follows. The subjects have been: "The Requirements of Artistic Conversation," "Physical Culture," "Artistic Dress," and they are very entertaining.

Alpha Phi entered the University this term with a strong Chapter, and every prospect of success. It is the sixth fraternity to be established here within a year. Beta Theta Pi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Phi Gamma Delta, Delta Upsilon, Pi Beta Phi and Alpha Phi. Can any other college show the establishment of as many strong fraternities in the same length of time?

Yours in Kappa Alpha Theta,

KATHRINA MANSON.

PERSONALS.

BETA.

Our new initiates are Ethel Rondthaler, '92; Helen Van Uxem, '93; Anna Carter, '92; Mary Ardery, '94; Maggie Strong, '94; Wilamina McMahan, '94; Stella Hague, '93; Eleanor Daggett, '93.

Ida Reid, is visiting her parents at Albion, Illinois.

Josephine Pittman, '90, after spending her vacation at Washington, D. C., with her father, has entered Emerson College of Oratory, in Boston.

Helen Shields, '92, spent August in Portland, Maine, with a sketching party.

Ella Corr, '90, is attending State Normal at Terre Haute.

Arda Knox, '92, is assistant principal in the Lebanon, Ind., High School.

Bessie Rogers is teaching in the Huntington schools.

The initiated on Sept. 19: Edna Field, Jennie Wylie, Emma Wilson, Lula McColloch, and Maim McCollock, our pledged girls.

Grace Birch, of Alpha, visited Bloomington last vacation.

Adele Bond, through Freshman with '92, paid Anna Demaree and Mary Lindley a short visit, on her way to Shelby, Michigan.

Ella Bond, after a year's absence, has re-entered college.

Lou Rogers, '93, is out of college this year.

Addie Perry, Bertie Perry and Mary Lindley have entered Freshman.

Estella Hill will not return after the holidays. She intends entering the Emerson School of Oratory, Boston, Mass.

Katharine Blynn will be in college after Christmas.

CHI.

Miss Mary A. Day, '89, is teaching in Kinsey Seminary, LaGrange, N. Carolina.

Miss Anna Louise Brown, '90, is doing portrait painting at her home in Burdette, N. Y.

Miss Lulu Graff, '92, is not in college this year.

Miss Pauline Jennings, '89, was with us for three weeks at the opening of this term.

Miss Frances May Gregory received a visit from her mother recently.

Owing to ill health Miss Blanche Chapman was unable to return this term.

A very pleasant evening was passed by the members of Kappa Alpha Theta at the home of Miss Marcia Carpenter, Tuesday, Oct. 28.

EPSILON.

Ella Shields, '90, is teaching in Canfield, Ohio.

Jennie Connell, '90, is teaching in Yonkers, N. Y.

Mary Henderson, '88, is professor of English in Mills College, California.

Helen Jeffries, '89, is a private tutor in Wooster.

Alice Leas, '90, is spending a few weeks with Wooster friends.

We were very sorry indeed to have Helen Simpson, '91, leave us for Cornell.

Alice Brown, '89, is teaching in Corry, Pa.

Our new members are: Mary James, Coshocton, O.; Elizabeth McManigal, Logan, O.; Lyle Reid, Piqua, O.; Grace Overholt, Wooster, O., Chloe Funck, Wooster, O.

MU.

Miss Ella Goff is in Boston attending Medical College.

Miss Harriett Reitz, of '87 is taking a course at Bryn Mawr.

Miss Adaline Robinson, of '89, paid us a visit recently.

Miss Eunice Kellogg, ex '93, is spending the year at her home in Seattle, Wash.

Miss Helen Clark, '90, spent Sunday with us not long ago,

Miss Gertrude Snyder, '89, is teaching in Philadelphia.

Miss Ellen Haskins, of '89, is preceptress at Cameron, Mo.

Miss Georgia Grant, ex '93, is teaching in Mantina, Ill.

We take pleasure in announcing the marriage of Miss Ellen Chesbro, of '90, to Mr. John Bell, which occurred Oct. 10th, 1890. They reside at Irvington, Pa., where Mr. Bell has charge of a church. Ellen was a general favorite in college, and Mr. Bell has found an able helpmate. Mu sends heartiest congratulations.

On Oct. 22nd, 1890, Miss Blanche Minor, ex '94, was united in marriage to Mr. Seth Taylor, both of Cleveland, Ohio. They go immediately to house-keeping in a new home which awaits them. Mu wishes them a long and happy life.

PI.

Pi is prospering nicely this fall, and everthing is bright for the future.

Jennie Armstrong, '92, of Kalamazoo, visited us the first of the term.

Oct. 30th we received a very pleasant call from Emma Jean Parsons, Preceptress of the Howard City High School.

We are pleased to number among our visitors this term Miss Ida Curtis, a Theta sister from Alpha.

On Oct. 31st the gentlemen of Delta Tau Delta gave a very enjoyable Hallow'een party to which nearly all our girls were invited.

Zola Kennedy, one of our old girls, has again returned to school.

TAU.

Miss Josephine Fitch, '94, spent her Summer vacation in Europe, with a party under Prof. Bragdon of LaSalle Seminary.

The Misses Rose and Lulu Berkey made a trip to Alaska.

Mrs. Frank Little, *nee* Thatcher, is expected home from Europe by the first of November.

UPSILON.

Jessie Nicol, '90, is teaching in the Marcy school in this city, and is as loyal as before she became a bachelor.

Kittie Comfort, '90, is teaching in Elk River.

Our hearts went out in sympathy to Anne Burr, who lost her father,

Judge Walter Burr, this summer. She is now in the training school, St. Paul.

Gertrude Bell, ex '91, who is teaching school in St. Cloud, made Upsilon a visit while Strauss was here.

Hattie Jackson has entirely recovered from typhoid fever, and will be back in school next term.

Ida Burnett has been called from her school in St. Cloud by the ill health of her mother.

Anna Guthrie, '91, spent her vacation in Apple Creek, Ohio.

Gertrude Gibbs, '93, among the hills of Penn.

Ada Smith, 89, is teaching in High School, Stillwater.

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I sit in the gathering twilight,
As the early shadows fall,
And I hear in the distance
The weary curlew's call.
'Tis time for heart reflection,
'Tis time for thoughts untold,
As I gaze at the changing heavens,
At the mingling black and gold.
For the sun from sight is sinking,
And the shadows gather round,
And my hopes seem lost as the sunlight
In thickest darkness bound.
But see, a fiery finger
Cleaves now the western sky,
And afar in the brightened heaven
Glow the day that passed us by.
How often, O how often,
When the heart is rent with pain,
Does the calm of the chastened spirit
Bring our hope to life again.
How often, O how often,
Do the loves of other years,
Come back to the heart's affections
To soothe our griefs and fears.
For the early love is strongest,
When life's petals first unfold,
And 'twill brighten the shadowy future
Like the evening sunset gold.
'Tis thus with Theta sisters,
We have learned to love too well,
For a lifetime's separation
Our Theta love to quell.
We think of living alters,
Where the fires of Theta burn,
And whate'er may be our sorrow
Our hearts to these must turn.
Forever and forever,
Through the hopes of future years,
Though the path of life seems dreary,
Though we see our way through tears.
Looking forward to fruition,
Where the better lives unfold,
Through the mystic shades of blackness
There will gleam life's sunset gold.

ALPHA.

EXCHANGES.

The University of Minnesota has reason to congratulate herself on the addition of Delta Upsilon to her list of fraternities, if the fine August number of the D. U. *Quarterly* is any indication of the general excellence of that fraternity. Good paper, clear type, and a number of excellent engravings combine to produce an interested expectancy on the part of the reader, who is not disappointed by a closer inspection of the articles themselves. First among these is a historic and descriptive sketch of the University of Minnesota, accompanied with engravings of several of the buildings, and pictures of those members of the faculty who are claimed by Delta Upsilon. The "Baby Chapter" starts with fifteen men and a Chapter House, upon which the editor remarks:

"This is the first one of our Chapters that has ever started with a house. The Minnesota men are bound to succeed. They have the vim and push necessary to build up a powerful Chapter and win glory and honor for Delta U."

The four chapter groups and the fine portrait of a distinguished electrician, Edward Leamington Nichols, add much to the general attractiveness of the magazine. The poem, "What My Lover Said" must fall back on its own delicate beauty for a *raison d'être*, and perhaps that is sufficient until the propriety or impropriety of inserting purely literary articles in a fraternity magazine is settled. Rossiter Johnson's "Old Words to Young Writers," in the same number of the *Quarterly* is so full of practical and sorely-needed hints upon the art of composition that even the most uncompromising opponent of the literary article in fraternity journals might well hesitate before condemning the practice *in toto*. And yet we are of the opinion that the insertion of such articles in magazines of this character is essentially out of place. Let the contributions be of as high an order of literary excellence as it is possible to obtain, but let them bear directly on fraternity matters. No pains should be spared to procure strong articles—editorials, biographies, practical suggestions from alumni, wide-awake Chapter letters;—anything

and everything that bears on our own or other fraternities; but let us not convert what should be the pure circulating medium of the fraternity world, into a sort of adulterated coin, which, though fair to look upon, has not the ring of true Greek metal.

The Theta Delta Chi *Shield* comments as follows upon the question found in the March *Arrow*, as to the advisability of attempting to introduce Greek Letter Chapters into the colleges of Smith, Wellesley and Vassar:

"Shall Pi Beta Phi be literary or social, or both? Shall we be a sorosis or a fraternity?"

Is the idea of making an effort to enter such schools as Wellesley, Vassar and Smith a good one?"

The above questions are asked by the editor in the March number of *The Arrow*. It seems strange that the "sisterhoods" have not already entered such institutions. It would seem that such a course would give them a standing not yet attained, or at least an independence and strength which cannot be felt while they exist only in mixed institutions. An elegant field is open. Seize the opportunity, girls.

Kappa Alpha Theta is heartily in favor of making such an attempt. Not only would the national reputation of our fraternities be largely increased by their introduction into the distinctly feminine institutions of acknowledged standing, but the actual strength and influence of women's fraternities would receive an immense impetus from the addition of strong members from these famous colleges. Where should we look for support for organizations which tend toward the mutual improvement of women, if not to those institutions which devote themselves exclusively to that object? It is true that the woman's fraternity is a child of the co-educational colleges, and that the same necessity for it does not exist in a woman's college as in an institution for both sexes. Moreover, it is true that the conservatism of eastern colleges would probably present a serious barrier to the immediate introduction of fraternities into their midst; and only a thorough conviction that these societies are essentially "womanly," with no trace of the "manishness" so dreaded by certain eastern educators, would induce these colleges to open their doors to women's fraternities. But the effort is worth making; and as Kappa Alpha Theta takes the lead in age among women's Greek Letter Societies, may she not be the first to introduce these societies into the colleges of Smith, Wellesley and Vassar? The fields are white to the harvest; let us not lose the grain through negligence.

The Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly for October has an excellent editorial on the proper qualifications for "Deke" men, which other fraternities would do well to heed:

"They should be *men*. Good, straightforward, manly men. They do not necessarily need to have attained their majority, but the essential principles of genuine manhood should be found in every one of them. They should be *gentlemen*—men of refined tastes, good breeding, fine feelings, and with the instincts and tendencies of the gentle, strong and true nature. They should be *companionable* or "*clubable*" men. We want no hermits or recluses in the bonds of Delta Kappa Epsilon. Ours is a *fraternity* in the fullest sense of the word, and we want only men in whom at least the brotherly and sympathetic spirit is capable of cultivation and development. They should be *scholarly men*. It must not be forgotten that membership in Delta Kappa Epsilon stands for scholarly attainments. It is not meant by this that every "Deke" is expected to be or could possibly become the leader in his class or college. But there is that impalpable something, easily recognized but difficult of definition, that we call the scholarly spirit. It is essential to any genuine attainment in the realm of literature. It should be found in the men who will soon stand at the portals of our lodge rooms. A man may have this spirit and fail of taking many or any prizes; the prize-takers are not always the scholars. But having it, he can never fail of recognition as a man of letters and of literary parts. * * * * Let all canvassing, cultivating, rushing, etc., be conducted in the most honorable and gentlemanly way. Displays of malice, spite or petty trickery are unworthy of Delta Kappa Epsilon. An honorable defeat is to be prized far beyond a dishonorable victory."

The proper character of the fraternity meeting has always been an open question and one quite incapable of arbitrary determination. Each chapter must settle this for itself, and individual circumstances will, of course, greatly modify opinions on the subject. In those sections where chapters are large, as in the East, and where the purely literary society has been superseded by the fraternity, the literary aspect must prevail. With many societies this is more a distinguishing feature and all chapters should devote a certain amount of attention to literary work. Among the Western colleges, however, where literary societies still exist, the other features will likely predominate. * * * * *

All meetings should possess certain common characteristics, and right here an opportunity is offered to correct the lamentable ignorance existing among fraternity men, irrespective of chapter or society. Comparatively few men know anything of other fraternities, while the majority are content with a very superficial knowledge of their own.

Such ignorance in these days of fraternity journalism and frequent conventions is unpardonable and to the chapter we must look for correction. It is not our purpose to offer an universal panacea for this state of affairs, for each must seek out his own salvation along his own lines, but merely to offer those remedies which suggest themselves as practical ideas.—*Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly*.

The subject of salaried editors seems to be attracting much attention in fraternity circles. The idea may seem at first not quite consistent with the spirit of independence and fraternity representation which should animate the Chapters; but of course, in adopting this plan, the various departments of the journals which are now in the hands of active Chapter members can be left where they are now, and only the general oversight of the magazine need be entrusted to the editor-in-chief. The journals would thus remain thoroughly representative of their fraternities, while at the same time, a competent and organized management would insure more satisfactory publications.

The success of this plan is evidenced by the excellence of several magazines which have adopted it, and among these is the *Key*. Its articles are sensible and to the point, abounding in material for thought, and in practicable plans for increasing the efficiency of the fraternity and its journal. The June number mentions the gradual development in Germany of an interest in the education of women. This is of great importance, as signifying the dawn of a new day, not only for Germany's women, but for those of other countries, many of whom will hasten to take advantage of the magnificent opportunities afforded by the German universities as soon as the doors of these tightly-closed institutions shall be opened to admit them.

The same number of the *Key* notes a complaint from De-Pauw and Northwestern to the effect that the colleges of liberal arts in their universities are not doing their part toward sustaining the reputation which the institutions deserve by reason of the excellence of other departments; and remarks that the fact indicates the precedence which a business training is taking over a liberal education in the mind of the student of to-day.

Perhaps the *western* student of to-day would be a little more accurate; since we believe that the all-absorbing desire for a directly practical education is not a marked feature of the eastern college students. And have we not something to learn of them in this particular? Is not that conception of education which aims at general development, first as a foundation for the specific training which is to follow, superior to the narrower if more directly utilitarian conception, which would subordinate all purely mental culture to the specific demands of some business or profession? We do not believe that any time earnestly

and honestly spent in general education will ever be lost, even to those who are looking toward some definite life-work for which specific training is necessary.

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An earnest perusal of the following extract immediately before class elections would perhaps be productive of greater harmony among the brethren:

THE FRATERNITY IN COLLEGE POLITICS.

Theoretically, a fraternity should have no part or lot in college politics. There is nothing fraternal in politics, and when a Chapter enters the field of politics it does so, not because it is a fraternity, but because it is composed of men and not angels. It may be laid down as a general rule, however vigorously certain elements may protest, that sooner or later the best men became fraternity men, and furthermore, that among the best men of the several better Chapters of an institution—best when compared man for man, along particular lines of excellence—there is generally no great difference. Two things are essential to being honorable and dignified as personal factors in college politics, a sincere and honest conviction that the person proposed is worthy of the place and best fitted for it, and the frank, open avowal of that conviction and the reasons for it. So far, and no farther may the individual members of a Chapter safely enter college politics. There is a place for fraternity men in college politics, not because the Chapter is, or should be in politics, but because the man is a man in the college world, and not because he is a fraternity man.—*Alpha Phi Quarterly*.

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The Phi Psi Shield for April and November are largely devoted to accounts of conventions and reunions of various sorts; and might almost be called epicurean numbers, judging from the tempting bills of fare which they furnish for the envy of hungry fraternities who can't have a grand arch council and a Springfield convention this year. Never mind; next year, girls.

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The article on the "unfraternity man," perhaps the most conspicuous feature of Phi Gamma Delta's excellent June number, is worthy of the attention it has excited. It is in all respects a forcible, practical, and eminently suggestive paper; and as such, deserves the hearty commendation of all progressive fraternities. One or two portions of the article recommend themselves especially to us, as they seem to pave the way for

the discussion of a subject which we consider of the highest importance to the wellfare of all Greek letter societies; i. e., *an agreement between the different fraternities at a given college not to rush new students until the expiration of a specified time, less than one term.* The quotations to which we refer are as follows:

"In the hurry and bustle incident to the rushing season, the chapter scouts captured him (the un-fraternity man) and, deceived by the extravagant praise and undeserved exaltation, the members *in toto* are inveigled into the belief that this neophyte is of extraordinary ability and promise, and so he becomes one of their number. His golden qualities prove to be nothing more dazzling than gilt, and the revolution in college circles predicted at his advent fails of consummation. * * * * * Be finical in your selection of new members. If a proposed candidate's character lacks moral, intellectual and social qualities in a just ratio, the duty of the chapter is to consider him no longer as available. In such a one, you have the embryonic un-fraternity man."

The character of even the most transparent freshman cannot be thoroughly understood until it has been tested by the inexorable standards of daily contact. Opinions formed on apparently good grounds at the outset of an acquaintance are frequently and of necessity changed as the acquaintance progresses; and whether the change be for better or for worse, it is of the greatest importance that it take place *outside the circles of the fraternity*. Too great care cannot be taken in the selection of members. Better a thousand times a small number of thoroughly first-class, able and united workers, than a large membership containing several persons hastily voted in on favorable first impressions. A chain is only as strong as its weakest link; and the harm which one or two weak members can do a fraternity is hardly to be estimated. There is no surer way to guard against the danger of hasty admissions than by increasing the time of probation, and by giving both the fraternity and the prospective members ample opportunity to form an unbiassed opinion upon the respective merits of each. Such an arrangement is already in force in some colleges, and we think its universal adoption in the interests of fraternity advancement is only a question of time.

The following from the June *Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi is interesting to the ladies of the Greek world as relating to the question of whether we shall be called fraternities or sorosis.

"At the convention of Pi Beta, held at Galesburg, Illinois, April, 1890, the question was decided in favor of sorosis—will someone tell why? It is strange quarters for a membership whose education has been fraternityward. At present writing we venture to say that a careful investigation would reveal the presence of nearly every Pi Phi on the fraternity side of the fence. The word 'sorosis' has come to mean a woman's club only, since April 20, 1868, when adopted as the name by which the since famous woman's club, of New York, was christened. As to how the name happened, we quote from Mrs. Jennie C. Croly, First Vice President of Sorosis: 'To find a name, Mrs. Wilbur and I hunted through piles of dictionaries, or rather, we placed piles before us with the intention of hunting through them, but in the first one I pounced upon, which happened to be a botanical dictionary, I found the word 'sorosis,' and liked it for its full, appropriate signification, its unhackneyed character, and sweet sound, which seemed to me full of all gracious meaning.' The word is Greek, and means simply a heap or pile. The word has come to mean a woman's club, whose 'object is to promote agreeable and useful relations among' women of literary and artistic tastes. It is entirely independent of sectionalism and partisanship. It recognizes women of thought, culture, and humanity everywhere, particularly when these qualities have found expression in outward life and work. It aims to establish a kind of Free-masonry among women of similar pursuits, to render them helpful to each other, and to bridge over the barriers which custom and social etiquette place in the way of friendly intercourse. It affords an opportunity for the discussion among women, of new facts and principles, the results of which promise to exert an important influence in the future of woman and the welfare of society.' The sorosis is a very good organization for work later in life. We cannot imagine a Pi Phi, a genuine fraternity girl, mentally raving over sorosis for 'its appropriate signification,' as it was in the original, 'its unhackneyed character and sweet sound.' "

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Would not a new era be inaugurated in the history of fraternities among college women if, during the World's Fair in Chicago, these societies in the summer of 1893 should hold their annual conventions in the Garden City, and on a selected evening should join in a pan-hellenic banquet? This scheme seems feasible, as Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Delta Gamma, and Gamma Phi Beta, as well as Alpha Phi, have Chapters at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., which is but twelve miles distant from the second city in the union, while a Chapter of Beta Phi is established at Knox College, Galesburg, Ill. These Chapters could act as a committee of arrangement, and make the conventions a success and the banquet a time never to be forgotten. The railroad rates will be much reduced, so a large number of fraternity women may be expected. This would not only tend to bring these college and fraternity women into sweeter and closer

intercourse, but would exalt to the world the benefits and privileges in the higher education of women, for which our America is already famed. Though the World's Fair is some time distant, it is not too early to be thinking about this, so each order may consider the plan at her coming convention, and there learn the pleasure of her Chapters in the matter. May we not hear what the fraternity women think of this plan through the Greek letter press?—*Alpha Phi Quarterly*.

Kappa Alpha Theta heartily agrees with the proposed arrangement. Besides the pleasure of meeting the members of sister fraternities, such a gathering would furnish an opportunity to discuss many questions of interest to all, foremost among which is that of raising the standard of all the women's fraternities, so that membership in them in every case may be looked upon as a high honor. Again, the much mooted question of "rushing" concerns all, and the pros and cons of keeping neutral for a specified time at the beginning of college year could be heard at such a gathering. These are but two subjects out of many to claim attention. By all means, let us have a pan-hellenic conclave in 1893.

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In our last issue we chronicled the absence of our exchange editor on a health-seeking trip to Ohio, from which we hoped she would return strengthened for her work among us. She is with us again this fall, but delicate health and a pressure of college work have prevented her from assuming her proper position on the editorial staff. The exchange editor *pro tem*, craves indulgence for any deficiencies in the department, in the hope that the next issue of the JOURNAL may see things running once more in their regular order.



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